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Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as the representative of the current chairman of the African Union, I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, issued by the Eighty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, meeting at the ambassadorial level on 24 September 2002 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE MECHANISM FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, 24 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution held its 84th Ordinary Session at Ambassadorial level, on Tuesday 24 September 2002, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to deliberate on the situation prevailing in Côte d'Ivoire. The session was chaired by Mr. Abdelkerim Mahamat, Ambassador of the Republic of Chad to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, and in the presence of the Interim Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, Mr. Amara Essy.

The Central Organ was briefed by the Interim Chairperson on the evolution of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire and the ongoing efforts to reduce tension and to restore peace and security in the country.

The Central Organ also listened to a briefing by the Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union on the situation obtaining in his country.

At the end of its deliberations, the Central Organ decided as follows:

The Central Organ:

1. **EXPRESSED** its grave concern about the situation prevailing in Côte d'Ivoire that caused considerable loss of human lives and the destruction of property;

2. **RECALLED** the relevant provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, as well as the Decision of Algiers of July 1999 and the Declaration of Lome of July 2000 on Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa;

3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNED** the attempt to undermine constitutional legality in Côte d'Ivoire and **EXPRESSED** its support and solidarity to the Government and the people of Côte d'Ivoire;

4. **URGENTLY APPEALED** to the parties concerned to seek, through dialogue, a lasting solution to the current problem, in strict conformity with constitutional legality, with a view to consolidating the process of reconciliation that was initiated at the Forum on National Reconciliation;

5. **EXPRESSED SATISFACTION** at the initiatives taken, including at the level of ECOWAS, aimed at facilitating the resolution of the present crisis and **ENCOURAGED** the leaders of the region to pool their efforts with a view to promoting a peaceful solution based on ties of friendship and understanding uniting the peoples of the region;

6. **ENCOURAGED** the Interim Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union to take the most appropriate measures, including the appointment of a Special Envoy, for the African Union to contribute to the efforts aimed at restoring peace and stability in Côte d'Ivoire.

7. **DECIDES** to remain seized of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire.